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h June 1953 *OGC Has Reviewed* 25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR: OGC 25X1A SUBJECT: 1. It is requested that the Office of General Counsel 25X1A render an interpretation of Section [25X1A "(b) The following types of leave shall not constitute a break in continuious service abroad: (2) A period of annual leave granted an employee to return to the United States or its Territories and possessions, at his personal expense for the sole purpose of meeting a personal emergency." (Emphasis Supplied) 2. Several of our employees in the field have taken leave in the United States, paying their own way both ways and always remaining in a pay status. All the leaves in question were for personal convenience and were not "for the sole purpose of meeting a personal emergency". An early decision as to the effect of such leave on "continuous service abroad" will be appreciated. 25X1A EE/PER